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1. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH FIVE OF REFTEL A, DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SPANISH EMBASSY NOTE DATED AUGUST 8 INFORMING US OF MANEUVER IN CIUDAD REAL PROVINCE OCTOBER 8-15 IN WHICH A SPANISH ARMY ARMORED DIVISION AND AIR FORCE UNITS, IN TOTAL ABOUT 8,000 PERSONNEL, WOULD PARTICIPATE. CONFIDENTIAL

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IN CONTRAST TO NOTE GIVEN FRG IN BONN, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO CSCE FINAL ACT, BUT NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT OBSERVERS.

2. UNLESS ADDRESSEES HAVE OTHER INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE THIS NOTIFICATION IS FIRST TO BE MADE BY SPANISH SINCE SIGNING OF FINAL ACT AND PRESUMABLY IS SYMBOLIC

OF THEIR NEW INTEREST IN CSCE DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B.
WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ATTACH ANY PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE
TO SPANISH NOTIFICATION OF A MANEUVER OF LESS THAN
10,000 TROOPS SINCE AN 8,000 MAN MANEUVER IS ALREADY
A GOOD SIZED FIGURE FOR THE SPANISH. EMBASSY MADRID

MAY WISH TO COMMENT, HOWEVER, ON DISCREPANCIES CONCERNING FINAL ACT REFERENCE AND OBSERVER INVITATIONS.

3. TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS:

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THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE, DOCUMENT NO. 2 ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE SPANISH ARMED FORCES WILL CONDUCT AUTUMN MILITARY MANEUVERS FROM OCTOBER 8-15, 1977, WITHIN AN ARMY CORPS MAJOR UNIT IN THE SPANISH PROVINCE OF CIUDAD REAL, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF AN ARMY ARMORED DIVISION AND AIR FORCE UNITS INVOLVING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 8,000 MEN. CONFIDENTIAL

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